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SUBJ: LOS SEABED COMMITTEE DAILY WRAP- UP MARCH 8

1. MAIN COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE II MET TODAY. MAIN COMMITTEE AGREED TO MAINTAIN TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THREE SUBCOMMITTEES ESTABLISHED IN 1971 IN ACCORDANCE WITH HELPFUL LA GROUP PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO AVOID PROCEDURAL DEBATE. CONSEQUENTLY SUBCOMMITTEE II WILL DEAL WITH SUBJECTS NOT ALLOCATED TO SUBCOMMITTEES I AND III OR TO MAIN COMMITTEE. SUBCOMMITTEE II HAD LONG, INCONCLUSIVE SESSION DEALING WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS, ALLOCATION OF ISSUES AND MEMBERSHIP. CHAIRMAN GALINDO-POHL PROPOSED THAT CONTINENTAL SHELF ITEM BE TREATED SEPARATELY FROM OTHER RESOURCES ISSUES. THIS MET CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. MOST DELEGATIONS ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO WORKING GROUPS ALTHOUGH SEVERAL FAVORED SINGLE WORKING GROUP WITH NO LIMIT ON MEMBERSHIP.

2. GROUP OF EUROPEAN AND OTHERS HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED STRONG OBJECTION MEMBERSHIP FORMULA FOR WORKING GROUPS
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WHICH LIMIT TOTAL MEMBERS TO 33 AND WEO TO 6. WEO'S ATTEMPTING TO ENLARGE THEIR ROLE IN SUBCOMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP.

3. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUP; BEESLEY (CANADA) AND HARRY (AUSTRALIA) ARE FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITIES. WE UNDERSTAND EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC WISHES POLISH REPRESENTATIVE TO BE NAMED.

4. MARCH 9 SCHEDULE. SUBCOMMITTEE II AND WORKING GROUP ON SEABED REGIME WILL MEET. END.
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